

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendment and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-13, 15, 16, and 18-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 10 are amended and Claims 5 and 14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1 and 10 incorporate subject matter previously considered in Claims 5 and 14, no new issues are raised. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment under 35 U.S.C. §1.116 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-12, 14, 16, 18-20, 23, 24, and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Vandevoorde et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,342, hereinafter “Vandevoorde”) in view of Munro et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20020089549, hereinafter “Munro”); and Claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 21, 22, 25, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Vandevoorde in view of in view of Munro and further in view of Takishita (U.S. Patent No. 6,121,900).

Applicants and Applicants’ representatives thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Bella and Examiner Rahmjoo for the courtesy of the interview granted to Applicants’ representatives on June 19, 2007. During the interview, differences between the claims and the cited references were discussed. Examiners Bella and Rahmjoo agreed that incorporating the subject matter of Claim 5 into Claim 1 appeared to overcome the rejections of record. This proposed amendment to Claim 1 is presented herewith.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 1 as unpatentable over Vandevoorde in view of Munro, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part, “a selection mechanism configured to *cyclically select and center* the view of the airport on a *different* one of plural predetermined portions of the airport *each time* the selection mechanism is activated.”

The outstanding Office Action conceded that Vandevoorde does not teach or suggest “a selection mechanism” as defined in pending Claim 1 and cited controls 230 of Munro as describing this element.¹ However, controls 230 of Munro include a button labeled “Center,” which paragraph 32 of Munro describes as “centering *the* image in the window.” (Emphasis added). Thus, the “Center” button of Munro only centers *one* selected image in the window. Certainly all of the images shown in Figures 2-7 of Munro cannot be simultaneously centered, and there is no teaching or suggestion in any part of Munro to cyclically center the multiple images shown in Figures 2-7 each time the “Center” button is activated. In fact, Munro does not teach or suggest that multiple portions of any particular image are stored, and thus Munro does not teach or suggest “*plural* predetermined portions” are designated by the Munro device. Thus, the “Center” button of Munro does not *cyclically select and center a different* one of *plural* predetermined portions of any image or images *each time* the “Center” button is activated. Accordingly, Munro does not teach or suggest “a selection mechanism” as defined in amended Claim 1.

With regard to the statements in the outstanding Office Action that the claimed subject matter is not supported in the specification,² it is respectfully noted that amended Claim 1 is supported at least by the specification at page 9, lines 16-23. With regard to the assertions that the argued subject matter is not identical to the claimed subject matter, Claim 1 is amended to explicitly recite “cyclically select.”

Consequently, as all of the elements of amended Claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Vandevoorde and Munro, Claim 1 (and Claims 2-7, 9, 19-22, 27, and 29 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Vandevoorde and Munro.

As independent Claim 10 is amended to recite “means for *cyclically selecting and* centering a different one of plural predetermined portions of the airport in the window upon

¹See the outstanding Office Action, page 3, line 16 to page 4, line 15.

²See the outstanding Office Action, page 9, lines 10-12.

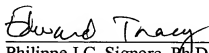
each activation of the means for centering," Claim 10 (and Claims 11-16, 18, 23-26, 28, and 30 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Vandevoorde and Munro for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 21, 22, 25, and 26 as unpatentable over Vandevoorde and Munro in view of Takishita, it is noted that Claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 21, 22, 25, and 26 are dependent from Claims 1 and 10, and thus are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Takishita does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Vandevoorde and Munro. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 21, 22, 25, and 26 are patentable over Vandevoorde and Munro in view of Takishita.

Accordingly, the outstanding rejections are traversed and the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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